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## HUNGARY MATIONALIZES RETAIL BUSINESS

SHOPS IN RURAL AREAS NATIONALIZED -- Informations Danubiennes, No 13, 20 Oct 49

In Budapest all oil and gasoline stations, as well as the larger paint stores and pharmacies, have been nationalized. In the rural areas all shops carrying fair-sized stocks have been nationalized, provided they were lucrative; the unprofitable ones were simply closed or forced to close by the imposition of exorbitant taxes.

Hungarian refugees in Austria report that in the rural areas the following practice prevails: The representative of the Ministry for Domestic Trade calls on the owner of the buriness in the evening and demands the keys to the cash register and the account books. By these acts, the state assumes possession of the business.

BUDAPEST CANNED-MEAT PLANTS TO MERGE -- Szabad Nep, No 269, 19 Nov 49

The seasonal character of labor in the canned-meat industry will be eliminated. Workers of the industry worked only 6 months last year. By engaging in new process tions, such as mashing potatoes for the bread industry and semiprocessing certain consumers' goods, there will be year-round employment for the workers.

The four canned-meat plants of Budapest (the Sashalmi Canned-Meat Plant and the three Manfred Weiss plants) will be merged to form an independent enterprise. The new enturprises will be located at Kobanya.

17,000 FOWL PROCESSED DAILY -- Szabad Szo, No 277, 29 Nov 49

This fall the Kecskemet State Poultry Enterprise is processing and shipping 7,000 turkeys, 7,000 geese, and 3,000 other fowl daily. The poultry is sorted, slaughtered, processed, frozen, and packed in the plant. First-quality poultry is divided between the domestic and foreign market.

All poultry except turkeys is fattened under supervision before they are slaughtered. Approximately 100,000 fowl are fattened at one time. Fattening requires 70-80 centners of feed daily.

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REET-SUGAR REFINING INCHEASE -- Szabad Szo, No 273, 24 Nov 49

In 1947, the Szolnok sugar refinery processed 180 carloads of beets daily, using 1,850 workers. Yesterday the refinery processed 226 carloads of beets, using only 1,230 workers.

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